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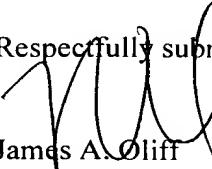
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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference JP A 05-274326 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference JP 10-261026 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references JP A 5-274326 and JP A 10-261026 are attached hereto.
- 5. Reference JP B2 2701234 corresponds to US 5,319,542.

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